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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 1032

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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GABELLAH AND VAN DER BYL VISIT CAPE TOWN

1. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S PRESS (MAY 23), THE JOINT RHODESIAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DR. ELLIOT GABELLAH AND P.K. VAN DER BYL MET WITH PM VORSTER AND MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR SCHLEBUSCH YESTERDAY IN CAPE TOWN. THE TWO MINISTERS ARE REPORTEDLY SCHEDULED TO MEET MINISTER OF PLURAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATION CONNIE MULDER AND MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SPORT PIET KOORNHOF TODAY. THE VISITORS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR MISSION WAS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE THIRD VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA BY MEMBERS OF SALISBURY'S NEW MINISTERIAL COUNCIL, AND GABELLAH'S SECOND (CAPE TOWN 788 AND 953). THE BLACK LEADERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPER TO HAVE LITTLE
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COMPUNCTION ABOUT THEIR NEW FRIENDSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THE EFFECT OF GIVING SUCH PROMINENCE TO THE INTERNAL GROUP'S TIES TO SOUTH AFRICA IS TO FURTHER ENTWINE THE BLACK LEADERS WITH THE POLICIES OF THE RHODESIAN FRONT AND ALSO TO STRENGTHEN THE SAG'S PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO THE SALISBURY SETTLEMENT. VORSTER AND OTHER SAG OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, HAVE SO FAR AVOIDED MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON

RHODESIA IN THE COURSE OF THESE VISITS.

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